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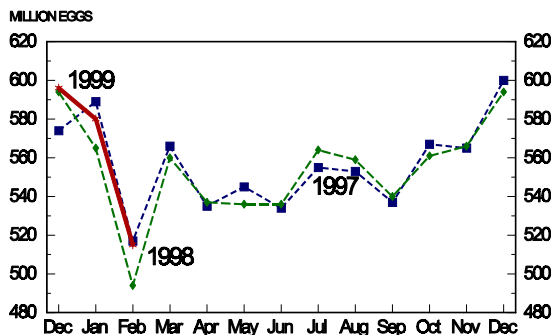
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during February totaled 515 million, 65.0 million less than last month, but 21.0 million more than last February. Average number of layers during the month totaled 26.2 million, 2 percent below last month, but 4 percent above February 1998. Eggs per 100 layers during the month averaged 1,963 compared to 2,180 last month and 1,962 in February 1998.

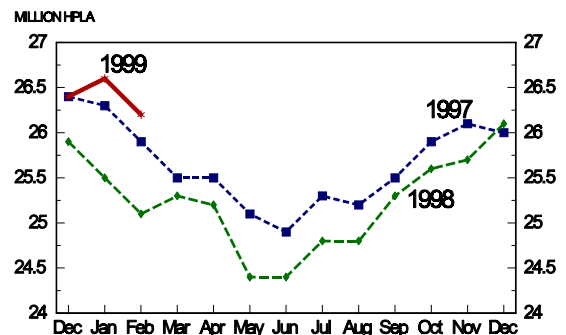
U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.29 billion during February 1999, up 3 percent from the 6.11 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.30 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 927 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 1999 averaged 323 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during February 1998. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,947 eggs, down fractionally from 1,950 eggs in February 1998.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,838	10,932	1,790	1,793	194	196	2.0	1.5	9.5	13.0
Arkansas	15,199	15,275	1,678	1,709	255	261	4.5	1.5	9.5	9.5
California	25,131	26,238	1,962	1,963	494	515	10.0	7.5	35.5	36.5
Georgia	20,844	21,687	1,871	1,872	391	406	4.0	3.0	18.0	20.0
Indiana	22,059	22,095	2,004	2,010	443	444	5.0	3.0	22.5	30.0
Iowa	22,685	25,102	1,984	2,016	450	506	5.5	3.0	29.5	28.5
North Carolina	11,297	11,440	1,717	1,766	194	202	0.5	1.0	14.5	8.0
Ohio	28,021	30,627	2,031	1,907	569	584	3.0	2.0	10.0	16.0
Pennsylvania	22,238	22,790	2,082	2,089	463	476	4.0	4.5	17.0	17.5
Texas	17,327	17,384	1,899	1,910	329	332	4.0	5.5	23.0	17.0
UNITED STATES	313,245	322,933	1,950	1,947	6,109	6,287	4.4	3.3	21.2	21.8

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT

The February 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 662 million, was up 3 percent from February of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 624 million on March 1, 1999, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.88 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 1999. This was up 10 percent from February 1998.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	82,239	87,409	106
Arkansas	95,896	97,638	102
Delaware	14,329	13,660	95
Florida	8,902	8,738	98
Georgia	95,569	100,054	105
Maryland	27,576	27,908	101
Mississippi	57,204	58,341	102
North Carolina	54,133	56,808	105
Pennsylvania	11,615	11,618	100
South Carolina	13,227	14,233	108
Texas	41,325	43,312	105
Virginia	21,063	21,611	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	34,072	34,873	102
Other States ^{1/}	87,354	85,536	98
UNITED STATES	644,504	661,739	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 3 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 35.6 million, up 3 percent from February 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on March 1, 1999, up 2 percent from a year ago.

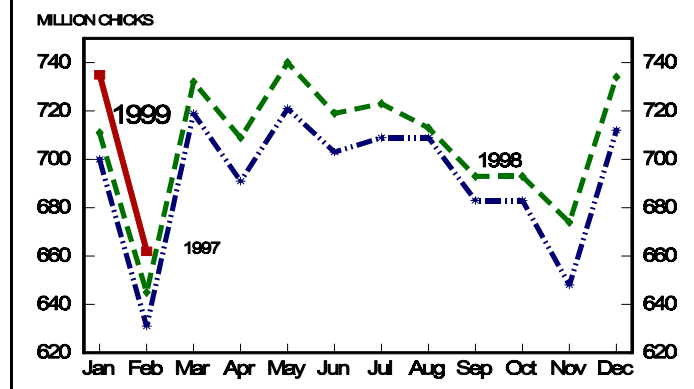
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 267 thousand during February 1999. This was up 12 percent from February 1998.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

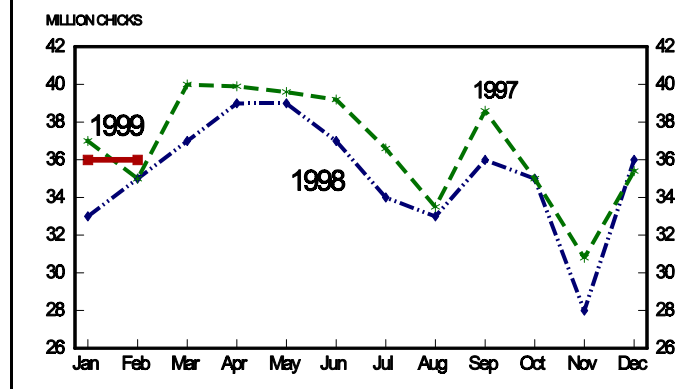
State	1998	1999	1999 1998
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	1,045	952	91
Florida	1,097	986	90
Georgia	1,787	1,984	111
Indiana	6,094	6,268	103
Iowa	3,678	4,838	132
Kansas	193	426	221
Minnesota	1,610	2,057	128
Missouri	387	321	83
Pennsylvania	4,901	5,591	114
Other States ^{1/}	13,781	12,225	89
UNITED STATES	34,573	35,648	103

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,250	12,284	100	5,680	7,021	124
East North Central	8,963	7,302	81	8,501	8,197	96
West North Central	22,827	22,791	100	7,253	7,032	97
South Atlantic	230,190	239,001	104	4,235	3,978	94
South Central	311,216	317,469	102	3,718	3,939	106
West	22,591	24,902	110	5,183	5,180	100
UNITED STATES	608,037	623,749	103	34,570	35,347	102

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

State	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Million	Million	Percent
Alabama	10,681	11,036	103	622	630	101
Arkansas	14,934	15,058	101	803	832	104
California	25,519	26,400	103	1,647	1,691	103
Georgia	20,610	21,548	105	1,269	1,311	103
Indiana	21,956	21,973	100	1,431	1,421	99
Iowa	22,173	25,128	113	1,425	1,595	112
North Carolina	11,439	11,488	100	631	653	103
Ohio	27,575	30,194	109	1,821	1,946	107
Pennsylvania	22,472	22,748	101	1,508	1,537	102
Texas	17,192	17,526	102	1,066	1,084	102
UNITED STATES	312,336	322,087	103	19,716	20,287	103

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average February prices received by California producers, when compared to January average prices, decreased one cent per pound for broilers and 10.6 cents per dozen for market eggs. Prices for turkeys increased two cents per pound.

Nationally, the February average price by producers decreased 1.3 cents per pound for broilers and 8.1 cents per dozen for market eggs. Average turkey price per pound increased 0.9 cent.

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS				
Commodity	Unit	Feb. 15, 1998	Jan. 15, 1999	Feb. 15, 1999
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	35.3	40.5	39.5
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	55.0	65.0	54.4
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	42.0	44.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.4	37.9	36.6
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	51.1	58.2	50.1
Turkeys	Lb.	34.0	34.8	35.7

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 1999, in the United States totaled 32.7 million, down slightly from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the February 1 total of 31.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 8 percent; West North Central, up 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 14 percent; South Central, up 4 percent; West, up 4 percent.

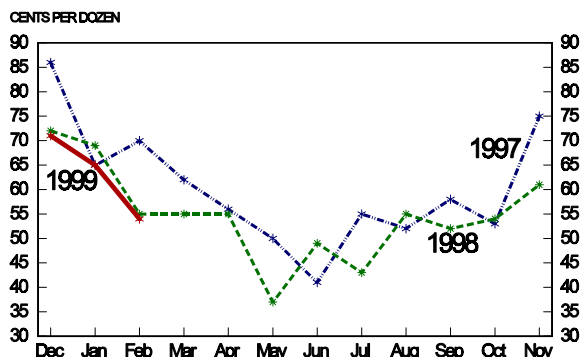
The 23.8 million poult placed during February 1999 in the United States were down 5 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 3 percent from the January 1999 total of 24.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 14 percent; South Central, down 14 percent; West, down 7 percent.

REGIONAL TURKEY POULT PLACEMENT AND EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Mar. 1		1999 1998	Poult Placed during Feb. 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.
EN Central	4,864	5,261	108	3,378	3,202	95
WN Central	10,580	11,367	107	7,356	7,982	109
N & S Atlantic	10,732	9,243	86	8,575	7,409	86
S Central	3,263	3,403	104	3,090	2,645	86
West	3,313	3,452	104	2,694	2,512	93
U.S.	32,752	32,726	100	25,093	23,750	95

1/ Excludes exported poult.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1997-1999



U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		98-99 97-98	Cumulative Total		98-99 97-98
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct.	24,587	22,750	93	48,494	43,874	90
Nov.	23,281	22,167	95	71,775	66,041	92
Dec.	25,711	24,985	97	97,486	91,026	93
Jan.	26,240	24,448	93	123,726	115,474	93
Feb.	25,093	23,750	95	148,819	139,224	94
Mar.	26,362			175,181		
Apr.	25,747			200,928		
May	25,677			226,605		
June	26,957			253,562		
July	26,247			279,809		
Aug.	24,450			304,259		

1/ Excludes exported poult.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 1998	January 31, 1999 <u>a/</u>	February 28, 1999	<u>Feb. 1999</u> <u>Feb. 1998</u>	<u>Feb. 1999</u> <u>Jan. 1999</u>
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	74,847	50,632	53,277	71	105
Chickens	Lbs.	41,821	33,617	37,653	90	112
Ducks	Lbs.	528	86	77	15	90
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	117,196	84,335	91,007	78	108
Eggs, Shell	Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	512,668	363,920	376,045	73	103
Chickens	Lbs.	665,333	716,942	723,658	109	101
Ducks	Lbs.	2,556	4,177	4,548	178	109
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,180,557	1,085,039	1,104,251	94	102
Eggs, Shell	Cases	12,274	11,047	10,823	88	98

a/ Revised.